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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place this application in better condition for a complete examination on the merits, applicants preliminarily amend their application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As discussed above, the information recorded by the magneto-optical recording scheme is due to determination of a light polarization state of a reflected or transmitted portion

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